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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 June 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 10-16, 19 and 21-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 10-16, 19 and 21-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 6/30/2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

A. Summary of Applicant's Arguments

Applicants submit with this Response a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, signed by the inventors of the present invention, stating that the invention was conceived prior to November 26, 2002 and that due diligence was exercised on constructively reducing the invention to practice from a time prior to November 26, 2002 to the constructive reduction to practice date (i.e., the filing of the Korean Patent Application No. 10-2003-0009078) of February 13, 2003. Therefore, in view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the subject matter of claims 1-7, 10-16, 19 and 21-30 were invented prior to the filing date of November 26, 2002 of the Manda reference cited in the Office Action. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to remove the Manda reference from consideration for at least these reasons.

B. Response to Arguments:

The Declaration filed on 6/20/2009 under 37 CFR 1.131 has been considered but is ineffective to overcome the Manda reference.

The evidence submitted is insufficient to establish diligence from a date prior to the date of reduction to practice of the Manda reference to either a constructive reduction to practice or an actual reduction to practice.

Because there is no sufficient evidence for reasonable diligence between the date of commencement of diligence (11/15/2002) and the constructive reduction to practice date (2/13/2003).

715.07(a) Diligence

Where conception occurs prior to the date of the reference, but reduction to practice is afterward, it is not enough merely to allege that applicant or patent owner had been diligent. *Ex parte Hunter*, 1889 C.D. 218, 49 O.G. 733 (Comm'r Pat. 1889). Rather, applicant must show evidence of facts establishing diligence.

In determining the sufficiency of a 37 CFR 1.131 affidavit or declaration, diligence need not be considered unless conception of the invention prior to the effective date is clearly established, since diligence comes into question only after prior conception is established. *Ex parte Kantor*, 177 USPQ 455 (Bd. App. 1958).

What is meant by diligence is brought out in *Christie v. Seybold*, 1893 C.D. 515, 64 O.G. 1650 (6th Cir. 1893). In patent law, an inventor is either diligent at a given time or he is not diligent; there are no degrees of diligence. An applicant may be diligent within the meaning of the patent law when he or she is doing nothing, if his or her lack of activity is excused. Note, however, that the record must set forth an explanation or excuse for the inactivity; the USPTO or courts will not speculate on possible explanations for delay or inactivity. See *In re Nelson*, 420 F.2d 1079, 164 USPQ 458 (CCPA 1970). Diligence must be judged on the basis of the particular facts in each case. See MPEP § 2158.06 for a detailed discussion of the diligence requirement for proving prior invention. Under 37 CFR 1.131, the critical period in which diligence must be shown begins just prior to the effective date of the reference or activity and ends with the date of a reduction to practice, either actual or constructive (i.e., filing a United States patent application). Note, therefore, that only diligence before reduction to practice is a material consideration. The "lapse of time between the completion or reduction to practice of an invention and the filing of an application thereon" is not relevant to an affidavit or declaration under 37 CFR 1.131. See *Ex parte Merz*, 75 USPQ 296 (Bd. App. 1947). Form paragraph 7.62 (reproduced in MPEP § 715) may be used to respond to a 37 CFR 1.131 affidavit where diligence is lacking.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-7, 10-16, 19 and 21-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dutta et al. (hereinafter Dutta)(U.S. Patent No. 6,918,066 B2) in view of Manda (U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0103394 A1).

Regarding claims 1-3, Dutta teaches as follows:

a browser testing system comprises a browser test server (interpreted as a Web server testing software, 43 in figure 3, housed with as a stand-alone tool, hereinafter interpreted as a web test server) connected via one or more wired or wireless communication networks (Internet 42 in figure 3) to a device or a browser testing device (client machine 40 in figure 3) equipped with a browser operable to access the Internet (see, e.g., col. 7, lines 1-22);

wherein one or more test cases (WML/HTML applications/files) to test the browser (test the WML/HTML applications on a multitude of user agents/browsers, see, e.g., col. 4, lines 18-25);

wherein the browser test server (web test server, 43 in figure 3) provides a tester with a session (execute a web page on all of the selected browsers and displays the web page, see, e.g., col. 4, lines 43-47) generated from one or more predetermined test cases (WML/HTML applications/files) accessing the browser test server through the communication networks (establish the rules to generate a scorecard for evaluating the web site for effectiveness on the different web browsers, see, e.g., col. 8, lines 32-37);

wherein the browser test server stores one or more values (scorecard) obtained from the browser testing by use of the session (display the output of the HTML/WML file as well as the evaluation scorecard for the selected browsers in the virtual screen, see,

e.g., col. 8, lines 46-50 and step 66 in figure 7);

wherein each of the test cases is a contents file (WML/HTML file is equivalent to the applicant's content file) including one or more tags (HTML source code tag, see, e.g., col. 4, lines 18-34) or one or more script symbols corresponding to predetermined contents that will be tested as to whether the contents are normally provided through the browser (see, e.g., col. 4, lines 23-34); and

the session includes the one or more predetermined test case selected by the tester which constitute a single web page and the session is the web page for the browser testing, the web page having a predetermined URL address that indicates a location where the web page is registered on the browser test server (URL pointing to a file that contains the location of the web site that the designer wants to evaluate, see, e.g., col. 8, lines 25-30 and step 60 in figure 7).

Dutta does not teach that one or more test cases to test the browser are registered on the browser test server.

Manda teaches as follows:

a plurality of test cases (test case applet A,B and C) registered on the browser test server (trigger identifies the proper template file from the set of template files that are specified in the configuration file, see, e.g., page 3, paragraph [0040], wherein each template file may be JavaScript-controlled HTML list box, such as applets A, B, C, for test suite, see, e.g., page 3, paragraph [0042]);

a mechanism for testing execution of applets with plug-ins and applications includes test cases and each test case is executed by a Java Plug-in that executes with

a web browser (see, e.g., page 2, paragraph [0029]);

scheduler (130 in figure 1) loads an HTML page that lists the test cases for a test suite in a JavaScript controlled HTML list box for the test suite (see, e.g., page 2, paragraph [0032] and page 3, paragraph [0042]); and

one or more test cases are identified based on a template file, such as an HTML file that lists the applets for a particular test suite (see, e.g., page 7, paragraph [0085]).

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Manda with Dutta in order to efficiently select one or more test cases based on a template file lists the test cases for a particular test suite.

Regarding claim 4, Dutta teaches as follows:

the browser test server (interpreted as a Web server testing software, 43 in figure 3, housed with as a stand-alone tool) comprises:

a second platform for testing the browser, registering a session including a predetermined test case as selected by the tester with the database (storage device 25 in figure 2, see, e.g., col. 6, lines 26-40)(web designer selects the URL for the web page and stores at the server location, see, e.g., col. 8, lines 26-29), collecting the values (scorecard) obtained through the browser testing by use of the session and recording the values in the session (web site is evaluated for effectiveness on the different web browsers using the scorecard rules generated, see, e.g., col. 8, lines 32-44); and

a third platform for reporting a result from the browser testing through the session recorded with the values (display the output of the HTML/WML file as well as the evaluation scorecard for the selected browsers in the virtual screen, see, e.g., col. 8,

lines 46-50 and step 66 in figure 7).

Dutta does not teach of developing a test case, into which a test case for testing the browser is entered and registered with a database.

Manda also teaches as follows:

specifying particular test cases are executed for testing multiple browser types and versions (see, e.g., page 5, paragraph [0068]).

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Manda with Dutta in order to efficiently select one or more test cases based on specific browser types or versions.

Regarding claim 5, Dutta teaches as follows:

the database (storage device) includes one or more test cases (WML/HTML file or a URL pointing to a file that contains the location of the Web site, see, e.g., col. 8, lines 25-29) and one or more sessions stored by categories classified according to browser characteristics (an emulator program includes a database of tags, which is supported by each browser in the browser set, see, e.g., col. 4, lines 18-33), and each of the sessions includes the values obtained from the browser testing (scorecard gives the user a summary of how the web site would be displayed on the various browsers, see, e.g., col. 7, lines 50-59 and step 62 in figure 7).

Regarding claim 6, Dutta does not teach of reporting the result of the test cases.

Manda teaches as follows:

reporting the result of the browser testing includes representing the values for the test cases as at least one of tables and graphs and outputting the represented values

as a document (trace files, 142A-C in figure 1, store the results of executing the test cases, see, e.g., page 3, paragraph [0033]).

Therefore, it is rejected for similar reason as presented above in claims 1-3.

Regarding claim 7, Dutta teaches as follows:

wherein reporting the result of the browser testing includes creating a new session by extracting, deleting or adding only those test cases having a particular value (interpreted as a tag which is supported by each browser in the browser set, see, e.g., col. 4, lines 28-32) from or to the test cases and retesting the browser by using the newly created session (designer can edit the web pages and test again based on the appearance in the displays and the browser scorecard, see, e.g., col.8, lines 51-64 and steps 65-68).

Manda teaches that trace files store the results of executing the test cases (see, e.g., page 3, paragraph [0033]).

Therefore, it is rejected for similar reason as presented above in claim 6.

Regarding claim 10, Dutta teaches as follows:

a browser testing method, comprising:

a session creating step of creating a session (open web pages to be tested with multitude of browsers) including one or more predetermined test cases as selected by a tester that gains access to a browser test server in which one or more test cases for use in testing a browser installed on a device connectable to the Internet (see, e.g., step 60 and 61 in figure 7 and col. 8, lines 25-32);

a browser testing step of testing the browser by using the created session and of

inputting result values of the browser test (see, e.g., steps 62-66 in figure 7 and col. 8, lines 32-50);

wherein each of the test cases is a contents file (WML/HTML file is equivalent to the applicant's content file) including one or more tags (HTML source code tag, see, e.g., col. 4, lines 18-34) or one or more script symbols corresponding to predetermined contents that will be tested as to whether the contents are normally provided through the browser (see, e.g., col. 4, lines 23-34); and

the session includes the one or more predetermined test case selected by the tester which constitute a single web page and the session is the web page for the browser testing, the web page having a predetermined URL address that indicates a location where the web page is registered on the browser test server (URL pointing to a file that contains the location of the web site that the designer wants to evaluate, see, e.g., col. 8, lines 25-30 and step 60 in figure 7).

Dutta does not teach that one or more test cases to test the browser are registered.

Manda teaches as follows:

a plurality of test cases (test case applet A,B and C) registered on the browser test server (trigger identifies the proper template file from the set of template files that are specified in the configuration file, see, e.g., page 3, paragraph [0040], wherein each template file may be JavaScript-controlled HTML list box, such as applets A, B, C, for test suite, see, e.g., page 3, paragraph [0042]);

a mechanism for testing execution of applets with plug-ins and applications

includes test cases and each test case is executed by a Java Plug-in that executes with a web browser (see, e.g., page 2, paragraph [0029]);

scheduler (130 in figure 1) loads an HTML page that lists the test cases for a test suite in a JavaScript controlled HTML list box for the test suite (see, e.g., page 2, paragraph [0032] and page 3, paragraph [0042]); and

one or more test cases are identified based on a template file, such as an HTML file that lists the applets for a particular test suite (see, e.g., page 7, paragraph [0085]).

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Manda with Dutta in order to efficiently select one or more test cases based on a template file lists the test cases for a particular test suite.

Regarding claims 11 and 12, they are rejected for similar reason as presented above in claims 1 and 4.

Regarding claim 13, Dutta teaches as follows:

a test result reporting step of editing the test cases (designer can edit the web pages and test again based on the appearance in the displays and the browser scorecard, see, e.g., col.8, lines 51-64 and steps 65-68), which constitute the session and have the result values, and reporting the result values of the browser testing (displaying the output of the web page and scorecard file, see, e.g., step 66 in figure 7 and col. 8, lines 32-50 and scorecard result in figure 9-11).

Manda teaches that trace files store the results of executing the test cases (see, e.g., page 3, paragraph [0033]).

Therefore, it is rejected for similar reason as presented above in claim 10.

Regarding claim 14, Dutta teaches as follows:

web designer get access to the web pages to be tested with multitude of browsers (see, e.g., steps 60 and 61 in figure 7 and col. 8, lines 25-32);

selecting a browser and its version to which the test cases will be applied in categories, after gaining access to the test case developing platform (selecting the desired web browsers based on the scorecard rules for evaluating the web site, see, e.g., steps 62 and 63 in figure 7 and col. 8, lines 32-41); and

creating one or more contents files for use in testing the browser as to whether the test cases are normally provided through the selected browser and its version, and registering the created contents files in the database by category (uploading the web page file, see, e.g., step 61 in figure 7 and col. 8, lines 25-32).

Dutta does not teach of developing a test case.

Manda teaches as follows:

specifying particular test cases be executed for testing multiple browser types and versions (see, e.g., page 5, paragraph [0068]).

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Manda with Dutta in order to efficiently select one or more test cases based on specific browser types or versions.

Regarding claim 15, Dutta teaches as follows:

the session creating step comprises the steps of:

gaining access to a browser-testing platform by the tester (web designer get access to the web pages to be tested with multitude of browsers, see, e.g., steps 60

and 61 in figure 7 and col. 8, lines 25-32);

selecting a browser and its version to be tested in categories, after gaining access to the browser-testing platform (selecting the desired web browsers based on the scorecard rules for evaluating the web site, see, e.g., steps 62 and 63 in figure 7 and col. 8, lines 32-41);

registering the created session in the category of the selected version of the browser and designating a predetermined URL address to the session (see, e.g., step 60 in figure 7 and col. 8, lines 25-32).

Dutta does not teach of selecting one or more test cases to be tested among the test cases registered in the selected browser and its version and creating a session with the selected test cases.

Manda teaches as follows:

a plurality of test cases (test case applet A,B and C) registered on the browser test server (trigger identifies the proper template file from the set of template files that are specified in the configuration file, see, e.g., page 3, paragraph [0040], wherein each template file may be JavaScript-controlled HTML list box, such as applets A, B, C, for test suite, see, e.g., page 3, paragraph [0042]);

a mechanism for testing execution of applets with plug-ins and applications includes test cases and each test case is executed by a Java Plug-in that executes with a web browser (see, e.g., page 2, paragraph [0029]);

scheduler (130 in figure 1) loads an HTML page that lists the test cases for a test suite in a JavaScript controlled HTML list box for the test suite (see, e.g., page 2,

paragraph [0032] and page 3, paragraph [0042]); and

one or more test cases are identified based on a template file, such as an HTML file that lists the applets for a particular test suite (see, e.g., page 7, paragraph [0085]).

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Manda with Dutta in order to efficiently select one or more test cases based on a template file lists the test cases for a particular test suite.

Regarding claim 16, Dutta teaches as follows:

the browser testing step comprises the steps of:

gaining access to a web page of the session with a predetermined URL address through the browser to be tested (web designer get access to the web pages to be tested with multitude of browsers, see, e.g., steps 60 and 61 in figure 7 and col. 8, lines 25-32);

receiving the test cases (web page files) constituting the session (see, e.g., steps 60 and 61 in figure and col. 8, lines 25-32); and

receiving the result values from the tester and registering the received result values in the session, the result values indicating whether the contents of the provided test cases are normally provided through the browser (see, e.g., steps 62-66 in figure 7 and col. 8, lines 32-50 and figure 9-11 from col. 9, line 55 to col. 10, line 44).

Regarding claim 19, Dutta does not teach a plurality of test cases.

Manda teaches as follows:

a plurality of test cases (test case applet A,B and C) registered on the browser test server (trigger identifies the proper template file from the set of template files that

are specified in the configuration file, see, e.g., page 3, paragraph [0040], wherein each template file may be JavaScript-controlled HTML list box, such as applets A, B, C, for test suite, see, e.g., page 3, paragraph [0042]);

a mechanism for testing execution of applets with plug-ins and applications includes test cases and each test case is executed by a Java Plug-in that executes with a web browser (see, e.g., page 2, paragraph [0029]);

scheduler (130 in figure 1) loads an HTML page that lists the test cases for a test suite in a JavaScript controlled HTML list box for the test suite (see, e.g., page 2, paragraph [0032] and page 3, paragraph [0042]); and

one or more test cases are identified based on a template file, such as an HTML file that lists the applets for a particular test suite (see, e.g., page 7, paragraph [0085]).

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Manda with Dutta in order to efficiently select one or more test cases based on a template file lists the test cases for a particular test suite.

Regarding claims 21 and 23-27, Dutta teaches that scorecard gives the user a summary of how the web site would be displayed on the various browsers (see, e.g., col. 7, lines 50-59 and step 62 in figure 7).

Regarding claim 22, Dutta teaches as follows:

the session is the web page created from a plurality of test cases, and the predetermined test case is a single contents file used to form the web page (URL pointing to a file that contains the location of the web site that the designer wants to evaluate, see, e.g., col. 8, lines 25-30 and step 60 in figure 7).

Regarding claims 28 and 29, Manda teaches as follows:

a stored session classified by a category is selected to be tested according to a corresponding category of a selected version of the browser such that the predetermined test cases included therein are tested is assigned for each different client version of a particular web browser (specifying particular test cases be executed for testing multiple browser types and versions, see, e.g., page 5, paragraph [0068]).

Therefore, they are rejected for similar reason as presented above in

Regarding claim 30, Dutta teaches as follows:

the predetermined test cases are tested during the browser testing and each of the one or more values (score criteria) directly corresponds to a predetermined test case within the session (the browser scorecard shows each browser is give a score for specific criteria and a total cumulative score, see, e.g., col. 11, lines 35-44 and figure 11).

Dutta does not teach of reporting the result of the test cases.

Manda teaches as follows:

reporting the result of the browser testing includes representing the values for the test cases as at least one of tables and graphs and outputting the represented values as a document (trace files, 142A-C in figure 1, store the results of executing the test cases, see, e.g., page 3, paragraph [0033]).

Therefore, it is rejected for similar reason as presented above in claim 1.

Conclusion

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JEONG S. PARK whose telephone number is (571)270-1597. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 7:00 - 3:30 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn can be reached on 571-272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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